

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK and WAIVER OF LIABILITY
RELATING TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING
THE RIGHT TO SUE OR CLAIM COMPENSATION IF YOU CONTRACT COVID-19

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from close person-to-person contact or via liquid droplets. As such, federal, provincial, and municipal governments, along with federal and provincial public health authorities, recommend social distancing and have prohibited the gathering of groups of people over a certain number.

The Community Recreational Initiatives Society (“**CRIS**”) is following the recommendations of federal and provincial governments and public health authorities and has put in place preventative measures to reduce the possibility of COVID-19 spread.

CRIS cannot guarantee that you (or, if you are signing this document on behalf of an infant or an individual legally incapable of executing this document, that person) will not become infected with COVID-19 during or surrounding participation in any events, activities, or excursions organized by or run by CRIS (a “**CRIS Activity**”). Attending a CRIS Activity could increase your risk (and the risk of others you associate with) of contracting COVID-19 given the personal assistance that CRIS provides to enable participation in CRIS Activities and the use of adaptive equipment that is also used by others.

By signing this document, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19. I do hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress agree to assume the risk that I (or the person I am signing this document on behalf of) may be exposed to or become infected by COVID-19 by attending a CRIS Activity, and further acknowledge that such an exposure or infection could lead to injury, illness, disability (including permanent disability), and/or death. I acknowledge that the risk of exposure or infection by COVID-19 during or surrounding participation in a CRIS Activity may occur due to the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself or others, including, but not limited to, CRIS owners, directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives, coaches, instructors, guides/tail-guides, trip leaders, team leaders, contractors, subcontractors, sponsors, funders, facilitators, successors and assigns, and host locations (the “**Releasees**”). **I understand that this includes negligence on the part of the Releasees to take reasonable steps to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers, and hazards of COVID-19. I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards, and the possibility of injury, illness, disability, and death related to COVID-19 exposure or infection.**

I hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress agree **TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against the **RELEASEES AND TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury, including death, that I may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer, related to COVID-19 exposure or infection before, during, or after participation in CRIS Activities. I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability for any personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in CRIS Activities and possible COVID-19 exposure or infection.

I certify that: 1) I have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 (or, if I have been diagnosed, I have been informed by a physician that I have fully recovered and further that I have not experienced any additional symptoms in the last 21 days), 2) to the best of my knowledge I have not been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 21 days, and 3) I am not currently suffering from any symptoms of COVID-19 infection, including, but not limited to, fever, difficulty breathing, chest pain, lack of taste and/or smell, pneumonia, feelings of confusion, and cough.

I certify that I will follow the directions and instructions of CRIS related to the use of personal protective equipment and other COVID-19 safety measures during my participation in CRIS Activities.

I confirm that I have read and understand this document, that I have sufficient information regarding the risks of COVID-19, and by signing this document voluntarily I am agreeing to abide by these terms. I am aware that by signing this document I am waiving certain legal rights which I or my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, and representatives may have against the Releasees.

Date _____

Participant’s Signature

Parent/Guardian’s Signature

Witness’ Signature

Participant’s Printed Name

Parent/Guardian’s Printed Name

Witness’ Printed Name